

June 3, 2002
6:00 P.M.
Commission Room

The Commissioners of the City of Horton met for a regularly scheduled meeting on Monday, June 3, 2002 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commission Room.

Candy Schmitt opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Mayor Bohannon and Commissioners Stirton, Dave McClain, Lentz and John McClain.

Motion by Commissioner John McClain to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2002 regular meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Dave McClain. All aye.

Motion by Commissioner John McClain to approve appropriation ordinances #2664 (Payroll) in the amount of \$26,405.15 and #2665 (Disbursements) in the amount of \$18,729.78. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Discussion of the Carson Communications Cable Television Service

Mayor Bohannon stated that she had received several calls from residents who had problems with their cable television service. There were reports of interruptions and fuzzy pictures. Mr. Carson had been contacted by the City Administrator and reported a problem with the power supply on the west side of the city and that they were working on the solution. Mayor Bohannon also reported that some of the residents reported that when they called Carson Communications to report their problems they were treated rudely.

City Administrator

USD 430 had requested that the Commission change the stop signs on 2nd Ave. E. at 13th and 14th Streets to run east and west instead of north and south. The busses will be changing their route and will be leaving the high school by going north on 2nd Ave. E. and would like to be able to go to 15th Street without stopping. The Commission did not seem to have a problem with this solution. Commissioner Dave McClain suggested that when the change was made that it be monitored for a while.

Motion by Mayor Bohannon to have a resolution drawn up to place the stop signs as requested. Seconded by Commissioner John McClain. All aye.

Two of the proposed new well sites were pumped hard and the tests came back showing nitrates of 3.7 and 8.7. These results are under the minimum of 10 set by the State.

The pump at the pool is being rebuilt.

Ordinances for prohibiting the use of jake brakes and the use of ATVs on public property were presented to the Commission for their consideration at the next meeting.

Commissioner's Agenda

Commissioner Stirton

Commissioner Stirton requested that the city employees mow the ditch behind the church located at 12th and Central. The church maintained this area but is no longer able to and would like the city to maintain it.

Commissioner Stirton reported that the siren that was purchased for the patrol car was replaced because the PA system went out and he will try to see that the old one gets repaired for a spare.

Commissioner Lentz

Commissioner Lentz stated that he would talk to Connie Werner about the Pony Express monument.

Commissioner Lentz inquired about the repairs on the street department mower. The wrong part was received and the right one should be in and the mower should be done Wednesday. The cost to repair is approximately \$1700-\$1800 to purchase a new mower with a trade-in is approximately \$5,200.

Commissioner Lentz stated that the trees need to be trimmed for the chip and seal and asked the City Administrator to check with the electric department for their help or for the use of the bucket truck. It was noted that generating season is coming up and the electricians would not be available. Commissioner John McClain stated that the street department personnel could use the pole saw that was purchased for that purpose.

Commissioner Lentz is waiting for information from Orville Calhoon on the garden tractor pull and will present it to the Commission when he receives it.

Commissioner Lentz asked where the street sweeper was that had been purchased earlier. The City of Topeka is using it until they get their new one and then we will pick up the one we purchased. The Commission requested that the City Administrator check on the number of hours that are being put on the equipment.

Commissioner John McClain

Commissioner John McClain inquired if the handicap parking that was discussed at the last meeting had been marked on Central. It has not been done yet.

Commissioner McClain was concerned about the tuckpointing being done at the electric plant and wanted to know if anyone was checking on the work being done.

He wanted to thank those who mowed the cemetery because it looked good for Memorial Day.

Mayor Bohannan

Mayor Bohannan reported she had taken a tour with Mr. Davies, the school superintendent, and was told that the school would be looking at some safety issues for the children.

Motion by Commissioner Stirton to go into executive session for 35 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Mayor Bohannan. All aye. Upon reconvening, motion by Commissioner Stirton to extend the executive session for 10 minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye. Upon reconvening, Mayor Bohannan stated that no action was taken.

Discussion of 2003 Budget

A draft budget should be ready by July 15, publication will be July 25, the hearing will be held August 5 and the budget must be certified by August 25. Some of the items that the Commission wants to include in the budget are, repair of 8th Street, the engineering on Mission Lake, repairs to city buildings, increase the police training, a vehicle for the police department, more camping sites and utilities for Mission Lake. Commissioner Stirton requested that figures be given showing the cost of giving a COLA to employees of 5%, 3% and 2%. Mr. Evans reported that for 3% the cost would be \$22,000.

Motion by Mayor Bohannan to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Seconded by Commissioner Lentz. All aye.

Candy Schmitt, City Clerk

Jeanne Thomas-Bohannan, Mayor